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In re application of

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2002. In that Action, the Examiner imposed a restriction as between:

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| Group I | Claim 1-12, drawn to a matrix; |
| Group II | Claims 13-14, drawn to a separation apparatus; |
| Group III | Claims 15-22, drawn to a method of making a matrix; |
| Group IV | Claims 23-24, drawn to a method of separating, and |
| Group V | Claim 25, drawn to a method of reacting. |

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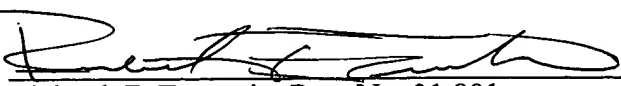
Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-12. As a consequence, please cancel Claims 13-25 as being drawn to non-elected invention(s).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-69071/RFT/469190-5).

Respectfully submitted,

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